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December 5, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR THE
CONTRACT AIRCRAFT PROGRAM AND APPROVE THE ATTACHED
APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM APPROPRIATION
FOR CONTINGENCIES TO SERVICES AND SUPPLIES
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

1. Authorize an increase in the current Board-approved annual contract authority from \$2.2 million to \$2.5 million for the Contract Aircraft Program to extend the deployment of fire suppression aircraft.
2. Approve an appropriation adjustment (Attachment) to transfer \$800,000 from the District's Appropriation for Contingencies to Services and Supplies to supplement the Contract Aircraft Program budget to fund anticipated expenditures for the SuperScooper Service Agreement in accordance with the Board-approved contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to increase the current Board-approved annual contract authority for the Contract Aircraft Program from \$2.2 million to \$2.5 million to provide for anticipated expenditures for the SuperScooper Service Agreement. Approval of an appropriation adjustment is also necessary to increase the funding appropriation for this program.

This year, the fire season started early and we have experienced numerous large fires in Los Angeles County such as the Copper, Leona and Williams Fires. Due to the severe fire conditions and potential risks, on April 2002, we began discussions with the Government of Quebec to inquire about the early arrival of the SuperScoopers to augment our fire suppression resources. On June 11, 2002, your Board adopted a motion to formally instruct the Fire Department to determine if the SuperScoopers could arrive earlier than in previous years.

The two SuperScoopers arrived on September 3, 2002 and have effectively assisted in the Department's firefighting operations. Due to the early arrival of the aircraft, and the possible extended deployment through December 31, 2002 due to weather and fire conditions, we need to increase our funding appropriation by \$800,000 to cover the additional expenditures for the leased aircraft, along with an increase in the total contract authority from \$2.2 million to \$2.5 million.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1 Service Excellence and Goal #4 Fiscal Responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

We are requesting an increase in the current Board-approved annual contract for the total Contract Aircraft Program from \$2.2 to \$2.5 million. We are also requesting an appropriation adjustment of \$800,000 to fund the Contract Aircraft Program to the \$2.5 million level.

Sufficient funding for the appropriation adjustment is available in the District's Appropriation for Contingencies. There is no impact on net County cost.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The existing SuperScooper Service Agreement is for a five-year term and was approved by your Board on August 21, 2001. The lease is renewed annually on an as-needed basis.

County Counsel approved the existing agreement as to form and the Chief Administrative Office has reviewed the recommended actions.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The SuperScooper Service Agreement was approved as a sole source agreement as the Government of Quebec is the only entity that leases this type of aircraft.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Department to continue our efforts to provide fire suppression to residents of Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:mr

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor Controller
County Counsel

Attachment

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTDEPT'S. 390-01
No.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

December 5 ~~16~~ 2002

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

4 Votes
Fiscal Year 2002-03

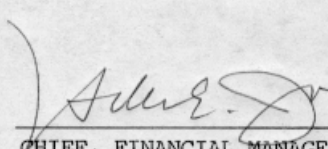
Sources:

Fire Department
Financing Elements
Appropriation for Contingencies
DAL-FR-40219-3303
\$ 800,000

Uses:

Fire Department
Special Operations Bureau
Services & Supplies
DAL-FR-40041-2000
\$ 800,000

This budget adjustment is necessary to provide funding required to pay for anticipated expenditures for the SuperScooper Service Agreement in accordance with our contractual obligation. Funding is necessary due to the extended deployment and usage of the two SuperScooper Aircrafts.


CHIEF, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

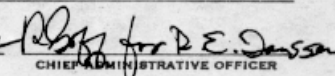
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APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

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